

under the Violence Against Women Act go towards essential shelter operations and support services. Moreover, we must ensure that shelters and crisis centers receive sufficient funding to provide this safety net to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Madam Speaker, I stand today before my colleagues to ask for continued support and assistance of domestic violence prevention programs. It is essential that we not only draw attention to domestic violence this month, but continue making progress on this devastating problem so that it will no longer affect our communities and families. As we remember the victims of domestic violence, we must learn from their courage and work to assure that our communities are safe places to live, work, and raise our families. In Florida and throughout our nation, education, enforcement and support are the keys to solving and breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

HONORING CAPTAIN WEI JIAFU
FOR HIS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I am privileged today to honor a pioneer who has helped create a strong bridge of understanding and development between the people of his country and the people of the United States of America. For over a decade Captain Wei Jiafu has been the President of COSCO, the largest ocean shipping company in the People's Republic of China. During this time Captain Wei has worked hard to increase the level of understanding between U.S. and Chinese business leaders.

Captain Wei's relationship with the U.S. has been a long and honored one. In his early years as a sea captain, Captain Wei was given special recognition by the U.S. Coast Guard for his knowledge and skill in navigating U.S. waters. In addition to Captain Wei's technical knowledge of U.S. waters, he commands a mastery of the navigational practices that make both national and international waters safe. Under Captain Wei's leadership, COSCO was the first foreign shipping company to comply with newly-enacted Homeland Security regulations governing shipping containers. As astounding as all of these accomplishments may be, Captain Wei's dedication to the U.S. goes further.

Throughout his career, Captain Wei's commitment to the American workforce has been unwavering. As President of COSCO, Captain Wei oversees the largest Chinese employer of American citizens. Under Captain Wei's guidance, COSCO has been honored by the ports of Long Beach, Seattle, New York, and Boston, for his commitment to their employees. Must notably, has been his commitment to the workers of Massachusetts, where COSCO has contributed to the creation of thousands of maritime-related jobs by establishing shipping services between the Port of Boston and ports in China. Captain Wei has even dedicated a chair to Boston's prestigious Harvard University.

In addition, Captain Wei has been instrumental in protecting our oceans. He has generously donated to the cause of cleaner oceans and the protection of sea life in Alaska.

With that in mind, I would like to commend Captain Wei for his commitment to professionalism which has facilitated both a productive and personal relationship between the people of the United States of America and the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, I would like to recognize Captain Wei for his charitable contributions in support of higher learning in the United States and around the world. Captain Wei is truly a "Peoples' Ambassador" to the United States of America.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF
WYNMOOR IN COCONUT CREEK,
FLORIDA

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Community of Wynmoor in Coconut Creek, Florida, which is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this week.

Wynmoor is an active senior community in South Florida with approximately 9,000 residents, many of whom regularly mentor in local schools, volunteer for city affairs, and greatly contribute to the vitality of the City of Coconut Creek and the surrounding communities. With a PGA-recognized country club golf course, serene lakes and sparkling fountains, Wynmoor is truly a beautiful place to live, and for many who live there, a wonderful place to retire and enjoy life.

Wynmoor residents find many ways to remain active and healthy with multiple tennis courts and health and fitness facilities available to them, as well as with a multitude of social activities planned throughout the year, including cultural and social clubs, several charitable organizations, live theater, dances, movies, classes and lectures. When I visit my constituents in Wynmoor, I am always thrilled to engage with them on the issues of importance to our community because they care deeply about the issues that affect South Florida.

Madam Speaker, I am deeply proud to represent the Community of Wynmoor and all of its residents in Congress, and I wish the entire community a happy and healthy 35 more years and an enjoyable anniversary celebration this week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 772, 773, and 774, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

THE DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL DECLASSIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the "Disclosure of Presidential Declassification of Intelligence Information Act of 2009."

This bill will help increase transparency by requiring the White House to release public notices when classified materials are declassified. Specifically, this legislation would require the President to inform the relevant congressional committees within 15 days whenever intelligence has been declassified. The bill also contains a sense of Congress that additional notice should be given to the Director of National Intelligence, the Archivist of the United States, and the heads of the applicable elements of the intelligence community.

In January of this year, I released a report documenting several abuses and excesses of the Bush Administration. The Report, titled "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W. Bush," contained 50 separate recommendations designed to restore and support the traditional checks and balances of our constitutional system.

This bill carries out the recommendation that Congress consider legislation requiring the President to announce the declassification of classified materials.

As the report details, the Bush administration selectively leaked numerous items of classified information to strengthen the case for war in Iraq. For example, evidence suggests that President Bush secretly authorized the declassification of information without notice in an effort to neutralize Ambassador Joe Wilson's op-ed that raised questions about the case for war.

This bill will help to prevent similar future abuses and political manipulation of intelligence authority by alerting Congress when information is declassified. Such transparency in presidential delegations of declassified authority is a matter of good government regardless of who occupies the White House.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARONNIE M.
PERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sharonnie M. Perry, a great community activist.

Sharonnie has lived her life by one of her favorite mottos, "I Have Come To Serve And Not To Be Served." She has served for over 35 years as a community activist, beginning in her early days fighting against decentralization of public schools.

As founder of "Parents on the Move", a self-help organization for homeless parents and children, she advocated for affordable housing, education and employment for the